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Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2004, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 37th and 43rd meetings, on 16 March and 6 April 2005. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/59/SR.37 and 43).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (A/59/692);

(b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/59/728).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.37

4. At its 43rd meeting, on 6 April, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" (A/C.5/59/L.37), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Namibia.

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5. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the Chief of the Finance Management and Support Service of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations made a statement (see A/C.5/59/SR.43).

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.37 without a vote (see para. 8).

7. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Venezuela made a statement (see A/C.5/59/SR.43).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 58/305 of 18 June 2004,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 28 February 2005, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 132.4 million United States dollars, representing some 7 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-eight Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

[1] A/59/692

[2] A/59/728

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Revised budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005

11. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the additional amount of 30 million dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, taking into account the total amount of 278,413,700 dollars already appropriated for the Mission for the same period under the provisions of General Assembly resolution 58/305;

Financing of the appropriation

12. *Decides also* to apportion among Member States the amount of 30 million dollars, taking into account the amount of 278,413,700 dollars already apportioned by the General Assembly for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 in its resolution 58/305, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, the scale of assessments for 2004 to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 15 million dollars, which is the amount pertaining to the period ended 31 December 2004, and the scale of assessments for the year 2005 to be applied against the balance, that is, 15 million dollars for the period from 1 January to 30 June 2005, as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

13. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the additional amount of 3,850,800 dollars, approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005;

14. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

15. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

16. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

17. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".